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Art Unit 3727

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/743,838; Filed: December 24, 2003
For: **Handle For Carrying Case**
Inventor: W. Dale HOLLINGSWORTH
Our Ref: 2219.0190004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply To Requirement For Election Of Species; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II. (Note that Group II should be Figures 11-15 and not 12-14). Claims 30-69 read on such species. Applicant submits that at least independent claims 30, 41, 51 and 61 are generic to Groups I and II. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicants are not intending to limit the scope of claims 30-69 to Figures 11-15 by this election. In fact, claims 30-69 actually cover embodiments not shown in Figures 7-15.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application,

then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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